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TAGS: EAID, PFOR, NL

SUBJECT: GHANA DEBT: CLARIFICATION DISCUSSIONS, ACCRA, JULY

23-24

REF: ACCRA 4708

1. ACCRA MEETING DISCUSSED JULY 31 WITH MINFIN (WINCKEL AND LEDEBOER). LATTER HAD BEEN WELL INFORMED BY NETHERLANDS EMBASSY ACCRA AND BRITISH. WINCKEL MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. HE WAS SURPRISED THAT LEQUESNE MADE SUCH STRONG POINT RE STARTING DATE FOR MORATORIUM (REFTEL PARA 4D). IN CREDITORS' MEETING  
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LAST OCTOBER WINCKEL HAD POINTED OUT THAT STARTING DATE WOULD BE

MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST TO GOG REGARDING WHICH CREDITORS MIGHT BE FLEXIBLE, AND NO OPPOSITION TO IDEA HAD BEEN EXPRESSED. HE SURMISED THAT LEQUESNE'S POSITION MAY HAVE BEEN PECULIARLY BRITISH. HE STILL FELT CREDITORS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER PUTTING EARLIER STARTING DATE IN PACKAGE.

B. DISAGREEMENT WITHIN GOG ON RESCHEDULING NEGOTIATION RAISES SERIOUS QUESTION OVER HOLDING NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCRA, QUITE ASIDE FROM PRECEDENT. MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN ACCRA ONLY IF ASSURANCE RECEIVED THAT GOG REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE "FULL POWER TO NEGOTIATE". OTHERWISE WE CAN EXPECT MEETING TO BE LENGTHY AND INCONCLUSIVE.

C. DUTCH ARE A LITTLE CONCERNED OVER MEETING OF POTENTIAL AID DONORS TO GOG WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CREDITORS' MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT PURPOSE IS TO PLAN AID PACKAGE TO BE PUT INTO TRAIN AFTER AGREEMENT REACHED ON RESCHEDULING (DUTCH HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY CANNOT CONTRIBUTE TO GHANA AID). DUTCH CONCERN IS THAT FIRM CONDITION SHOULD, BUT MAY NOT, BE ESTABLISHED WITHHOLDING FURTHER AID COMMITMENTS UNTIL RESCHEDULING IS AGREED. WINCKEL HAS IMPRESSION THAT USG MIGHT BE PREPARED FOR POLITICAL REASONS TO EXTEND NEW COMMITMENT TO GOG BEFORE AGREEMENT AND ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF USG THINKING ON THIS POINT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE RE OUR POSITION ON RELATION OF DEVELOPMENT AID TO DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR GOG.  
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